





WITH BOTH OF US IN DIFFERENT BLOCKS, THE ONLY WAY IT WILL HAPPEN IS IF WE GO HEAD TO HEAD IN THE FINALS! OTHER THAN THAT THERE'S NO OTHER OPPURTUNITY ALL YEAR!!

WHAT WAS THE POINT OF GOING PRO?!

DOES THIS MEAN THE ONLY REAL MATCH WE GET TO HAVE IS THE ONE WE HAD BACK AT THE CHILDREN'S SHOGI FESTIVAL?!



YUP, BEST GAME.

NEWBIE OR NOT, YOU'VE GOT TO BRING YOUR BEST GAME!!

YOU'RE NOT THINKING "THEY'RE ALSO NEWCOMERS SO I'LL TAKE IT EASY," ARE YOU?

I'M SURE IT'S NOT THE CASE, BUT

tap tap tap

tap tap tap

thump thump

thump thump



HUH?

NAH, I DON'T THINK I'D WANT TO GIVE IT TO EITHER OF THEM.

SO AT THIS POINT, IF YOU WERE YANAGIHARA SAKUTAROU, WOULD YOU WANT SOYA OR KUMAMOTO TO TAKE YOUR TITLE?

HE MADE HIS MOVE.

9-DAN KUMAKURA MOVED HIS PAWN TO 2-7.

PARDON US.

HEY KIRIYAMA.

BE SERIOUS KIRIYAMA!

PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL!!

YO.

"EVERYTHING!
WHO WAS IT WHO
PROMISED THEY'D MAKE
IT ALL THE WAY TO
BECOMING A TITLE
HOLDER AT THEIR DEBUT
AS A MIDDLE SCHOOLER?
OH YEAH, IT WAS YOU!"

"NO YOU'RE ALREADY
FULL OF YOURSELF!
IN FACT YOU MIGHT
BE TOO FAR GONE
FOR SAVING!"

REI: "WHAT
I ARE YOU
BASING THAT
OFF OF?"

MR.
YANAGI-
SAWA...

THEN HOW
ABOUT "THE
LAST GAME
OF THE
CHAMPIONSHIP
SERIES HAS
SHOWN SOME
FIERCE
FIGHTING"

I CAN'T
WRITE
THAT!

OH?
OKAY...

IF I PUT
THAT ON
THE NET,
THEY'LL
TEAR US
APART!

IT'S
DIFFICULT
TO TELL
WHO HAS
THE UPPER
HAND.

TO PUT
THIS GAME
IN A SINGLE
WORD

IT WOULD
BE "CHAOS"

With gusto!

What?
even
me?

RIGHT
AWAY!

Yes
sir!

YOU
GOT
IT!

SMITH

DO ME A
FAVOR,

WOULD YOU
THROW
THOSE TWO
OUT FOR A
BIT?

AH, SO
LOUD.

Ba-dum!



OH MY,

God

STOW THE ARGUMENT, SHUT YOUR MOUTHS AND PLAY SOME DARN SHOGI!!

JEEZ

I CAN'T STAND YOUNG PEOPLE.

Stuffed away

In the corner

silent

LATELY YOU HAVEN'T BEEN VERY AMBITIOUS

AS IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR WAY

AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, AM I WRONG?

OH MY SHIMADA,

JUST TRY AND THINK OF IT AS A SENIOR-JUNIOR RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THEM.

NOW NOW,

IT'S NOT A BAD THING TO BE ENERGETIC.

YOU DON'T EVEN CAST A SHADOW AS STRONGLY AS YOU DID BEFORE.

Am I wrong?

DID YOU LOSE YOUR SOUL TO SOYA WHEN YOU LOST YOUR MATCH?

LIKE IN THE GISHOU TOURNAMENT PRELIMINARIES, YOU JUST KEPT MAKING ONE DUMB MOVE AFTER ANOTHER.

hahaha







THEY TRY
TO PICK
THEMSELVES
BACK UP
AND PUT
THEMSELVES
BACK

BROKEN
TO PIECES
ALL AT
ONCE.

AND
THEN

"AT THIS
RATE I'M
DONE FOR"

THEY
THINK WHILE
RECOLLECTING
THE NUMBERS
OF VICTORIES
AND LOSSES
THEY'VE HAD.

AND
START
ALL
OVER.



WHEN
I SAY
THAT.

I MEAN
"EVERYONE
WHO'S
EXPERIENCED
IT"

WELL

I SAY
"EVERY
ONE"

EVERYONE'S
LIKE THAT.



HE'LL START
WINNING
AGAIN IF HE
WANTS TO.

WHO GIVES A
DAMN ABOUT
SHIMADA. LET
HIM BE.

HM

I'M
JUST,



ANYONE
WHO
TOUCHES
YOU IS
GONNA
GET HURT.

JEEZ, YOU'RE
ALWAYS SO
JAGGED.

I've never
had a
title
match
either.

Sorry

Be
an
adult
for
crying
out
loud!!

Ah
jeez...

YOU KNOW
SOMETHING
GOTOU,

YOU REMIND
ME OF A
KNIFE.

CANT
STAND SEEING
SOMEONE
WHO'S NEVER
STEPPED IN
THE RING
THEMSELVES

IT MAKES
ME WANT
TO VOMIT.

JEERING
SOMEONE
WHO'S
DONE THE
DEED.



THERE'S
ONE
HOUR
LEFT.

DO YOU
LISTEN
WHEN
PEOPLE
TALK TO
YOU?

FOR
CRYING
OUT-

HOW
MUCH
TIME IS
LEFT?
IS THIS
SOYA'S
SIDE?

SO?



HUH.

.....

March Lion



IF YOU
CAN'T EVEN
TREASURE
YOUR OWN
FAMILY,

YOU'RE
TRASH!



YOU'RE
MARRIED,
AREN'T
YOU?

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING?



STAY

AWAY...

FROM
MY
SISTER



crack

MOREOVER,
WHAT'S THIS
"CAN'T
PERMIT"
NONSENSE?

HMM?

"TRASH,"
AM I?

GOD?

WELL?

WHO
ARE

YOU?

PAH.

WHO
DECIDED
ALL
THAT?
YOU?

stomp

YOU
CAN'T DO
THAT.

YOU
SHOULD
DO THIS,

PEOPLE ARE
CONFUSED
CREATURES.

FOR
ME

I DON'T
KNOW.

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ME

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KNOW.

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IN THE SAME
BODY.

AND THE MAN
TORMENTING
MY SISTER

THE MAN WHO
STOOD UP FOR
SHIMADA

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OR...

NEXT

HE'LL COME WITH THE BISHOP ON B-3 MOST LIKELY.

NEXT

SHOULD I HATE HIM?

WHAT NOW?

DO YOU THINK HE'LL MAKE IT?

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R
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R

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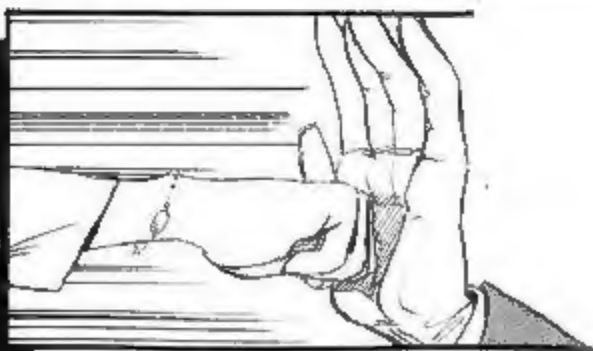
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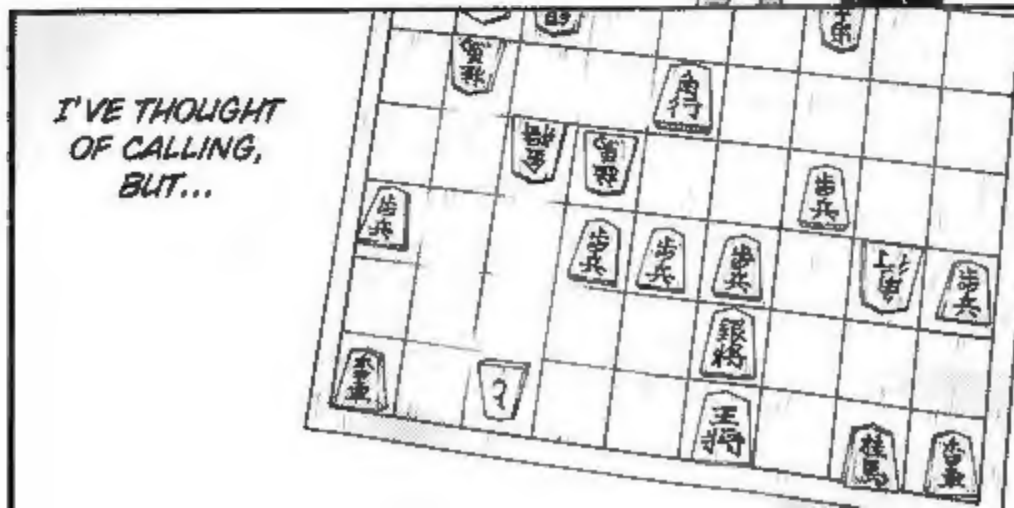
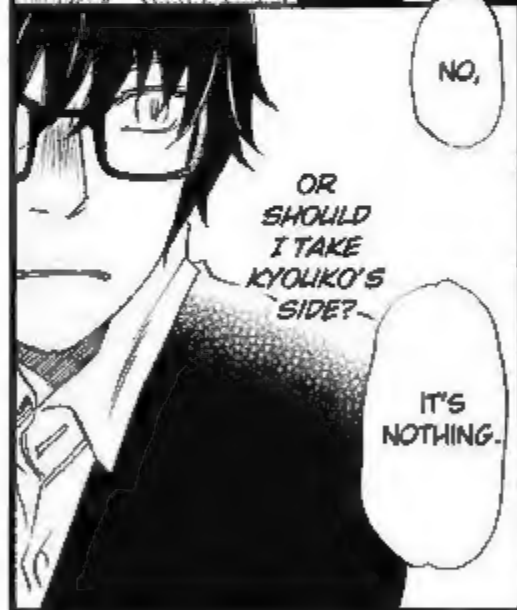
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DO YOU THINK HE'LL MAKE IT?

R
R
R







WE LAST MET
IN MARCH

BUT LOOKING
CLOSELY, YOU
CAN SEE IT'S
ACTUALLY VERY
TANGLED AND
COMPLICATED.

IT MAY
APPEAR
SIMPLE AT
A GLANCE,

TO PUT
IT IN A
SINGLE
WORD,

AND
THEN...

WHAT WOULD
I TALK ABOUT?

I CAN'T EVEN THINK
OF SOMETHING /
WHEN SHE'S FAR
AWAY, WHEN SHE'S
CLOSE...

WHEN I
REACH FOR
THE PHONE
MY HAND
STOPS.



IT'S
CHAOS.

YANAGIZAWA
MUTTERED
SOMETHING
THAT PUT IT ALL
TOGETHER.

